

Tinker, Tailor, Farmer, Sailor

Guide to Examining and Analyzing Primary Sources

Title of the document: _____

How to examine a document

Observation: What do you see?

Describe three details you can see about it—content, text, style, creativity.

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

Three Useful Questions for examining the document:

- Who is the author?
- Who is the audience?
- Why do you think the document was created?

Interpretation

Based on the evidence of these documents, what was it like to live in a particular region (New England Colonies, Middle Atlantic Colonies, Southern Colonies)?

Why would you go to live in a particular region?